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## Jordan Fact-Finding Team Pursues NPS Cyber Experts

By Javier Chagoya

A delegation of Jordanian military and defense leadership stopped at NPS as part of a fact-finding mission to get the details on the university's current cybersecurity educational and research programs, April 29.

The officials, senior members of Jordan's cyber, intelligence and communications communities, included two brigadier generals, two colonels and one ministry of defense secretary general, all touring the U.S. in the discovery phase for certificate and degree programs in cybersecurity, operations and computer forensics.

"The cybersecurity programs at NPS have a very strong reputation, as do our cyber operations programs. It is not surprising that a group seeking solid educational programs for military officers on these topics would come to NPS. Other countries have already sent students here for the NPS cybersecurity programs," said Distinguished Professor of Computer Science Dr. Cynthia Irvine.

The Jordanian delegation toured the recently-constructed Cyber Battle Lab, which uses virtual machines and servers to simulate defend and attack network scenarios. They also met with subject matter experts from NPS' Information Technology and Communications Services (ITACS) department to round out presentations on network infrastructure and bandwidth development.

U.S. Central Command Operations Branch Chief Marine Corps Col. Brian King, who accompanied the delegation, said the effort is about supporting the nation's capability to secure its networks. "Education is critical to developing these individuals, but our trip covered many aspects of cybersecurity in order to glean best practices in the development of strategy, policy, critical infrastructure protection, etc.," he said.

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